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Iraq and Syria

Syria and Iraq received some major new ~~types~~ of hardware in 1975, including minesweepers and OSA-class torpedo boats to ~~25X1B~~ and a Petya-class destroyer escort to Syria. ~~25X1B~~

The ~~overall~~ marked reduction

25X1C in Communist military deliveries to countries in 1975 probably does not reflect a ^{CHANGE IN SOVIET} basic policy toward the two countries.

Reduced Communist deliveries to Syria may be intended to give Syria time to assimilate military equipment on hand. Syria, the major focus of ^{SOVIET} military supply activity since the October War, has received more than \$1 billion of military hardware. Damascus now has replaced its losses and has expanded and upgraded ^{AIR} ~~air~~ and ground ^F ~~forces~~ units.

Similarly, Iraq is attempting to integrate the \$700 million of Communist equipment with the \$1 billion of Western and Yugoslav arms ordered since 1973. Settlement of the Kurdish conflict also reduced Baghdad's need for Communist replacement equipment and spare parts.

*710. Change sentence to read
Damascus reportedly is interested in
obtaining two more squadrons of MiG 23s.*

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